


Claims

We claim:

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1. A cutting implement usable with a vehicle having front and rear wheels, the implement comprising:
 - a) first and second cutting chambers positioned near one another, each of the chambers having a laterally extending front edge on an exterior thereof;
 - b) first and second cutting blades centered within each of the first and second chambers and rotatable therein to define a cutting plane along which vegetation may be cut; and
 - c) a generally vertically extending section formed as a portion of the front edge of one of the chambers and depending therefrom such that it extends to a point that is lower than a second portion of the front edge, the section serving to substantially shield the vegetation and other debris from exiting the implement after being contacted by at least one of the blades therein.
 2. The implement as recited in claim 1 wherein:
the section extends to the level of the cutting plane of the at least one of the blades.
 3. The implement as recited in claim 2 wherein:
the midpoint of the section is off center from the midpoint of the at least one of the blades.
 4. The implement as recited in claim 3 wherein:
the section is a lip.
 5. The implement as recited in claim 4 further comprising:
a first baffle carried within the chamber of the other blade for shielding material projected by the other blade.
 6. The implement as recited in claim 5 wherein:
the first baffle is arcuately shaped and spans portions of both the first and second chambers.

7. The implement as recited in claim 6 wherein:

the baffle includes a notched section thereon that is alignable with one of the front wheels of the vehicle with which the implement may be used.

8. The implement as recited in claim 7 wherein:

the first baffle carries a second baffle thereon for shielding material projected by the at least one of the blades from exiting the implement upon being contacted thereby.

9. The implement as recited in claim 8 wherein:

the second baffle is adjustable so as to align with a bottom portion of the generally vertically extending section so as to also extend into the cutting planes of both the first and second blades.

10. (re-presented -- formerly dependent claim 9) A cutting implement usable with a vehicle having front and rear wheels, the implement comprising:

a) first and second cutting chambers positioned near one another, each of the chambers having a laterally extending front edge on an exterior thereof;

b) first and second cutting blades centered within each of the first and second chambers and rotatable therein to define a cutting plane along which vegetation may be cut;

c) a generally vertically extending lip formed as a portion of the front edge of one of the chambers and depending therefrom such that it extends both to a point that is lower than a second portion of the front edge and to the level of the cutting plane of the at least one of the blades, the lip being off center from the midpoint of the at least one of the blades so as to substantially shield the vegetation and other debris from exiting the implement after being contacted by at least one of the blades therein; and

d) an arcuately shaped first baffle carried within the chamber of the other blade and spanning portions of both the first and second chambers for shielding material projected by the other blade, the baffle including a notched section thereon that is alignable with one of the front wheels of the vehicle with which the implement may be used, the first baffle carrying a second baffle thereon for shielding material projected by the at least one of the blades from exiting the implement upon being contacted thereby, the second baffle being adjustable so as to align with a bottom portion of the generally

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vertically extending lip so as to also extend into the cutting planes of both the first and second blades.